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SUBJ: UNICEF PROBLEM IN DELIVERING SUPPLIES TO PHNOM PENH

REF: A. BANGKOK 5034; B. PHNOM PENH 5706; C. BANGKOK 5314

SUMMARY: SINGAPORE AGENT FOR UNICEF HAVING DIFFICULTY ARRANGING AIR SHIPMENT TO PHNOM PENH OF SOME 127 TONS UNICEF FOODSTUFFS. HE APPEARS VERY RELUCTANT TO SEND FOOD BY SHIP OR AIR TO BANGKOK BECAUSE OF LOGISTICS PROBLEMS THIS WOULD ENTAIL AND IGNORANCE OF PROSPECTS FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT PHNOM PENH. AIR CAMBODGE AGENT SINGAPORE

IS AWAITING WORD FROM PHNOM PENH ON AVAILABILITY AND COST OF AIR-CRAFT. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY ADVISED BY NEW ZEALAND DAIRY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE LATIMORE, UNICEF AGENT IN SINGAPORE FOR NFDM, THAT HE CONTINUING TO HAVE DIFFICULTY ARRANGING AIR TRANSPORT OF UNICEF NFDM TO PHNOM PENH.

2. LOCAL BIRD AIR OFFICE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED LANDING CLEARANCE FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PHNOM PENH ON MARCH GHOM BY THIS, BIRD AIR PLANES IN SINGAPORE HAD

ALL BEEN DIRECTED TO VIETNAM. BIRD AIR OFFICE EXPECTS ONE DC-6 TO RETURN TO SINGAPORE MONDAY, APRIL 7. LATIMORE SKEPTICAL WHETHER THIS AIRCRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE AND TRYING ARRANGE SHIPMENT THROUGH AIR CAMBODGE.

3. AT REQUEST OF LATIMORE, THE AIR CAMBODGE SINGAPORE REPRESENTATIVE HAS TELEXED PHNOM PENH REQUESTING QUOTATIONS FOR TRANSPORTING NFDN BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. AIR CAMBODGE AGENT HERE HAS REQUESTED THAT EITHER TWO DC-4'S, OR ONE MAKING TWO FLIGHTS DAILY, BE MADE AVAILABLE.

4. EVEN IF THESE PLANES AVAILABLE, MOVEMENT OF MILK WOULD BE SLOW, AS DC-4 PAYLOAD NOW ONLY SIX TONS DUE TO NECESSITY OF CARRYING ENOUGH FUEL FOR FLIGHT OUT OF PHNOM PENH. PRESENT UNICEF STOCK HERE IS 114RS

1/2 TONS NFDN (5 1/2 TONS SHIPPED LAST WEEK BY AIR CAMBODGE) AND 12 TONS OF KT, SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FOOD.

5. ONLY REGULAR SCHEDULED FLIGHT SINGAPORE-PHNOM PENH IS ONCE WEEKLY AIR CAMBODGE DC-4 FLIGHT ON THURSDAY. NO FLIGHT THIS WEEK, ACCORDING TO LOCAL AIR CAMBODGE AGENT, BECAUSE AIRCRAFT UNAVAILABLE DUE TO "SPECIAL COMMISSION BY HEAD OF STATE".

6. LATIMORE HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE BANGKOK. HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION FROM UNICEF (CF PARA 1 REF B) HE SHOULD USE SHIP TRANSPORT TO BANGKOK, AND HESITATES TO DO SO BECAUSE THIS WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WEEK AND INVOLVE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS. FURTHERMORE, LATIMORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT ONWARD ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE FROM BANGKOK. HE RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM UNICEF APRIL 1 THAT C-130 AVAILABLE TO MOVE NFDN FROM BANGKH TO PHNOM PENH, BUT DOESN'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS PLANE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

7. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN VIEW APPARENT UNAVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT AIRCRAFT IN SINGAPORE TO EXPEDITE MILK SHIPMENTS DIRECTLY TO PHNOM PENH, BEST COURSE FOR UNICEF MAY BE SHIPPING AT LEAST PART OF SINGAPORE STOCK THROUGH BANGKOK, IF BANGKOK CAN TRANSHIP. WE PRESUME THIS IS CONDITIONAL UPON POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM PHNOM PENH TO REFTEL CMMBY, ANY CASE, IT APPEARS TO EMBASSY THAT UNICEF AGENT SINGAPORE, WHO APPEARS TO BE CAUTIOUS AND RELUCTANT TO ACT ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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